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High Jump and Pole Vault

In most athletics events, should two or more competitors tie for final place, they either run the race again or are given equal placing in the results.

In races where the results are given in distances, it is the second performance which determines who comes first. Should the competitors tie again, the third performance is the determining one, and so on.

In the high jump and pole vaulting events, there are four possible ways of avoiding a dead heat.

1. The competitor with the lowest number of jumps at the height at which there is a tie is awarded the higher placing.

2. If the competitors are still equal, the competitor with the lowest number of attempts during the course of the competition, including the last height to be cleared, is awarded the higher place.

3. If the competitors are still equal, the competitor with the lowest number of attempts overall (both successful and unsuccessful) is awarded the higher placing.

4. If the competitors are still equal, but only if the first place is in dispute, com-

petitors standing equal first jump once more at the height they have all failed. If they remain equal, the bar is then raised or lowered to the heights announced at the start of the contest. Equally placed competitors then jump once only at each height until a decision is arrived at. As far as the other placings are concerned, competitors are placed equal if no decisions have been reached by the first three methods.

HIGH JUMP

	A	B	C	D
1.90	-	-	S	-
1.92	FS	FS	-	S
1.95	FS	S	FS	FS
1.98	S	FS	FS	FS
2.00	-	FS	FS	FS
2.03	FFS	FFS	FS	FFS
2.05	FFF	FFF	FFF	FFF
	2nd	3rd	1st	4th

F = failed S = succeeded - = did not jump

The four competitors (A, B, C and D) cleared 2.03 m but failed at 2.05 m. C cleared 2.03 m at the second attempt, and therefore wins the competition.

A failed four times (as opposed to 5 failures by B and C).

He therefore finishes second. B needed 9 tries to clear 2.03 m (as opposed to 10 tries by D). B finishes third.